

SOUTHAMPTON UFO GROUP NEWSLETTER NO 72

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EDITORIAL.

Well folks, another month has passed us by with more earth shattering news such as the piece of material alleged to of come from the Roswell crash in fact has a more earthly origin. The materials found in the metal (Housed in the Roswell Museum in America) is made up from earthly material copper etc and there are no un-earthly material contained within. Then there is the footage filmed at Oliver's Castle, of 3 lights that appear in a field and they appear to create a crop circle. Well folks, it looks as if this is another hoax. In a letter published on the Internet Colin Andrews dated 16.9.96 he states that 'My conclusions pending detailed plant analysis results and photographic analysis, that both the crop pattern and the video are hoaxes and both probably by the same group'. It appears that the person who filmed the film 'John Wheyleigh' seems to be using the details of a John Web, who is in partnership with a company in Bristol that edits video film for television companies. According to Colin 'It is not my intention to do any more work with the film but to spend some more limited resources in trying to learn more about the people concerned' .. 'It is so unfortunate that the crop pattern and subsequent film appears to have been designed to damage researchers like myself and Peter Sorenson and the phenomenon itself'.

Well would you believe it, a hoax I hear you all shout. Well, don't panic, many of us had our doubts and to be honest the murmurs that I have been hearing point to it being created using earthly origins i.e. a computer and I have also heard that the circle was actually made by a well known group of hoaxers. (If you want to know more, then just send me a self addressed A4 envelope with 2 first class stamps and all will be revealed.. great thing this Internet...). I just wonder how many more times Ufologists are going to be taken for a ride as so many have over the years. There have been some very clever hoaxes over the years and with the advent of more powerful computers being made available to the ordinary guy in the street, then anything is possible with a bit of a cut, paste and touch up here and there. Us Ufologists must stick together and work together to bring the hoaxers out in the open (How about another - create your own crop circle over night, whilst judges watch their flocks by night !!!). I wonder where it all end. Maybe, there is some secret government plan to swamp Ufology with hoaxes to draw us away from the real thing or is it just somebody looking for a good kick. Mind you, some people are so gullible, that it is untrue. They are very quick to rush out to say, hey look what I've got, a genuine photograph of a UFO or a genuine crop circle has just been found in my front room carpet ! Yet, when the hoax is finally flushed out for what it truly is, these so call gullible people never admit to being taken for a ride. Just think of all the money that can be made if you have the right contacts to advertise your product as the genuine thing ! The early 1990's so far have been shown to be the pranksters, hoaxers etc day, but what of the late 1990's, will the hoaxsters be found out to be what they truly are..... The rest is up to you.

This edition of the newsletter is somewhat of a lengthy edition as you will see when you read on, and next month will be no exception. With Christmas just around the corner, I will be looking at running a competition in either the December or January edition and who knows what you will win (A one-way ticket to the Moon, A VIP visit to Area 51 and to fly in a UFO, Tea with ET at home, or a starring roll in the new blockbuster video - The Roswell Dummy Fights Back,

Or, you could make a record and star along with Ray Santilli in 'I Made It My Way' ... or how about the following Elvis Presley songs - 'I Was The One' ... 'I Gotta Know' .. or how about 'If I Can Dream' or how about Colin Andrews and the Elvis Presley song's 'I Got Stung' ... 'Suspicious Minds' ... 'I feel so Bad' .... 'That's When Your Heartaches Begin') .. (You see .. Your editor is somewhat of an Elvis Presley Fan)... For a bit of fun, can you come up with a Ufologist or a cerealogist that you could put the ideal song to the name.. The best one will win a prize... I don't know what, but keep it clean and remember, the winning slogan will be printed in the newsletter for all to see.

### WHAT THE PRESS HAD TO SAY IN MAY 1995.

#### REGIONAL ARTICLES.

- 16.5.95 : Derby Evening Telegraph : Light In The Sky Is Taped.
- 18.5.95 : Bradford Star : No Title.
- 24.5.95 : South Wales Echo : UFO Conference.
- 24.5.95 : Dundee Courier & Advertiser : No Such Thing as UFOs Declares Top Star-Gazer.
- 25.5.95 : Brighton & Hove Leader : Trailing The Aliens.
- 25.5.95 : Berwickshire News : Now You See It... Now You Don't.

#### NATIONAL ARTICLES.

- 5.5.95 : The Guardian : Aliens Put Harvard in Orbit.
- 5.5.95 : The Times : professor's Close Encounters Alienate Colleagues.
- 7.5.95 : The Sunday Times : No Title.
- 19.5.95 : The Independent : Big Bangs and Barking Bishops.
- 23.5.95 : The Guardian : Lord of the UFOs and Alien Landings Dies at 83.

#### NEWSPAPER UNKNOWN.

- 11.5.95 : Chronicle and Echo : No Title.
- 18.5.95 : Paper Unknown : Looking for the Answers.
- 25.5.95 : Chronicle and Echo : No Title.

#### MAGAZINE ARTICLES.

- 4.5.95 : Nature : Harvard 'Starts Inquiry' into UFO researcher.

#### LOCAL ARTICLES.

- 1.5.95 : The Portsmouth News (Monday Magazine) : Seeking Out The Truth Behind UFOs

## CROP CIRCLES.

19.5.95 : *Southampton Evening Echo* : Circle Crops Up.

20.5.95 : *Southampton Evening Echo* : Stalk Of The Town As Circle Crops Up.

22.5.95 : *Southampton Evening Echo* : Still Lord Of The Rings.

## PRESS AND TV MATTERS OVER THE PAST MONTH.

### PRESS.

15.9.96 : *News of the World Magazine* - Area 51.

An interview with Bob Oeschler about the Area 51 and S4 sights in conjunction with the forth coming Sky 1 special entitled - *Dreamland* screened on 24-25.9.96.

6.10.96 : *Sunday Mirror* : Real Life X Files.

### TV.

16.9.96 : Sky 1 - *Sightings* - Update on the Mexico Sightings and new footage.

20.9.96 : *Strange But True* - Encounters - The Gulf Breeze Sightings.

21.9.96 : Sky Movies - Official Denial.

22.9.96 : Sky Movies - Roswell (The Movie).

23.9.96 : Sky 1 - *Sightings* - The Idaho (USA) Sighting & the Mexico UFO Update (Pilot encounters UFO?

24 - 25.9.96 : Sky 1 - *Dreamland*.

This was the best program to be shown on sky one so far this year or any other Tv channel fro that fact, it was brilliant. The program concentrated on the investigation of Area 51 and S4 and interviewed those involved with the experiments being carried out at the bases. Bob Lazar was featured, telling his usual tales of his work at Area 51 and S4. A thoroughly enjoyable program that must be seen to be believed.

26.9.96 : Sky 1 - *Intruders* (Part 1 of a 4 part series).

This is the 4 part dramatisation based on the book with the same title penned by Budd Hopkins. A very interesting program, but running at 3 and a half hours, you need staying power to watch it all the way through. But saying this, an excellent program that looks at the story of abductions from the abductees point of view.

27.9.96 : *Strange But True* - Photographic hoaxes.

30.9.96 : Sky 1 - Sightings - Clear Intent.

7.10.96 : Sky 1 - Sightings - Top Secret Projects and Roswell Re-visited.

9.10.96 : Sci-Fi Channel - The Philadelphia Experiment.

14.10.96 : Sky 1 - Sightings - UFO Contact - The Holly Land plus UFO Protocols (Fire dept training manual shows what to do if a UFO crashes).

### UFO HOTLINE.

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BUFORA WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE : 0891 121 886.

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*Contact :*

*Michael Hudson, Linden Trees, 70 High Street, Wingham, Kent, Ct3 1BJ.*

### Forthcoming Events and Lectures.

*16th-17th November 1996 - Lancashire Aerial Phenomenon Investigation Society,*

*The Lowther Pavilion, Lytham, Near Blackpool,*

*Speakers Include : Jenny Randles, Nick Pope and Philip Mantle.*

*Telephone : 01253 391704 or 01253 404532.*

*Next Meeting Of The Southampton UFO Group.*



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### THE WHEATEARS COLUMN.

*First of all, your editor wishes to eat humble pie and apologies to the Wheatear about the article he wrote reviewing the video : UFOs Crop Formations and The Paranormal (Subtitled - The Secrets Run Out, As Time Runs Out). Due to your editors dicky fingers and the fact they didn't seem to be in time with his brain and that his computer decided to add a few extra words that the Wheatear did not include in the original review.... Due to the lack of space in this month's magazine and the fact that I want the Wheatear to check the article first just in case my fingers have got crossed again, the corrected review will appear in the November edition of the newsletter. I apologies to anyone else who may of been offended by the article (Your editor offending someone.. That's not possible... Is it ?) and I will make amends next month.*

### CROP CIRCLES : TALK RADIO 27.9.96 9AM - 10AM.

*Presenter Scot Chisholm later that morning had Gerry Adams of Sein Fein answering peoples phone calls so this hour was given to a lighter subject (His words). It shows how crop circles are viewed by many as a bit of fun & curiosity.*

*Those who rang in gave some interesting views, one guest was Terence Meaden, infamous for his plasma vortex theory of circle construction long since dismissed as nonsense. He seemed vague on many points like how could the Stonehenge Julia set and the East Field D.N.A symbol be hoaxed after he declared all complex formations nowadays were man made. His inept replies which began with 'ER, UM, Well You See' he seemed unprepared for these obvious questions and was not the person I would have chosen to counter the nonsense that many 'Investigators' come out with. the presenter who seemed agog at the photos and obviously has not studied the matter deeply, could not believe people could construct such complex designs, so in his logic they must be made by aliens, if he only knew. Next was Andy Thomas from Sussex C.C.C.s who had little time for a hoax theory. Also, (not surprising since he has a book out about the subject) one remark he made had me raising my eyebrows, it was 'People see lights when crop circles are being made, apparently', really ! Someone rang in and talked about this years video of the Oliver Castle crop formation and its associated U.F.O footage (4 balls of light that appear to create a formation) I believe time will prove this to be a clever, elaborate hoax (I will talk about this in another issue). I found the hour long debate a little frustrating but quite interesting.*

## THE VIEWS OF THE PRESS.

*If Ufology is to be accepted within the science community and the general public, the press sometimes has a lot to answer for. Whilst go through my recently received batch of press cuttings, I came across the following article. Although I cannot directly comment about BUFORA's conference in Sheffield I just wonder does the face of Ufology need a face lift? Has the press got it write about Ufology/Ufologists? Do we need such dribble appearing in the national press of all places? Although a number of other national newspapers run articles, I feel that this particule article just shows how one individuals review can destroy beliefs and idealism in one foul sweep of the pen (Ooops the key board!.. ED)....*

## ALIENS FADE TO GREY IN UNITED STRIP.

JOHN SWEENEY.

*It looked so normal. Too damn normal. A lecture room at Sheffield Hallam University yesterday morning (20.4.96..Ed). A boring man in a shirt the colour of a road crash muttering about alien abductions. His name - Mike Wooten - was normal. Too damn normal.*

*He sat on a Val Doonican chair in front of about a thousand people from the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association, or Bufora. They looked normal. Too damned normal. All right, there were a couple of weirdoes and nose-ringed hairy youngsters, but you get them down the Rotary Club these days.*

*Mr Wooten droned on in a normal tone of voice. 'In 1988 we faded to grey...' (actually, John Major came to power in 1990, but aliens do cause people to forget the passage of time.)*

*Above hung a huge projection screen from which stared a swollen-headed, bug-eyed alien, with no ears, a slit for a nose, and a slit for a mouth. It had a weedy body and was wearing Manchester United's grey strip. Didn't the aliens know it was unlucky?*

*Mr Wooten gave his lecture earlier than billed because alien abductee Lynda Jones was late, Why? Was it because she was detained by extraterrestrial life-forms? Or - the official version - because her train was late?*

*Aliens abducted the former beauty consultant and mother of two on Sunday 19 August 1979 at 9pm. Of all the alien landing-joints in the world, they had to choose the bank of the river Mersey, South Manchester. And why not? It offers some of the best views in the Manchester conurbation.*

*Mr Wooten went on to bemoan the lack of competition in the alien sector. 'What happened in 1988,' he said, 'was that we lost all the other entities. they crystallised into greys'. He described how, in the Fifties, abductees would be given rides around the solar system. Then in the Sixties and seventies they went farther and farther. 'It was as if all the entities were competing for the tender for the job, and it was the greys who won the tender.'*

*A blinding light flashed in my brain. My head started to spin. I had to get out.*

*Was there an X-planation for the 'blinding white light' phenomenon? Yes. In the morning, they'll still believe in little grey men but I shall be sober.*

## LETTERS AND SIGHTINGS.

Dear Steve,

*No DATE / TIME*  
I would like to start by saying thank you for all the inf. & newspaper cuttings you sent me. Now I'll give you some inf. on the 3 UFO's I saw. The first one I saw was when I was going along a remote road called the Backlane, it is surrounded by cornfield and on the left there is a wood called the Edlington Wood. While I was jogging I looked up and there was a black diamond (See figure 1) shaped object with three lights coming from underneath. One blue, red and one green. It was hovering above the tree tops. I could only see the underneath of the object.

The second was when me and my sister (Gill age 23) went sky watching at about midnight. We went to a wall which is on Old Edlington Hill. We were watching the sky, then suddenly, there was a ball of light. It stopped just before it got to some clouds, then it zipped into the clouds & it lit up the end of the clouds. As the ball of light entered the clouds a couple of geese started to honk from the farm just up from the wall which also a little fear to our experience. (See Fig 2).

The third one was recent that's why I wrote to you the first time. It was when I was on my bike, I looked up & saw what seemed to be a star but it was in broad daylight. Just then suddenly from nowhere another one came & the one that had suddenly was there for about 10 seconds and the first one was there for about a minute then it just disappeared.

(Jamie - Doncaster - Aged 14).

Dear Steve,

I hope you don't mind me writing to you as I got your name and address from a friend I know called Jamie \*\*\*\*\*. He has just received some information on UFO's which you sent to him, so I thought I write and tell you that I thought I seen a UFO around Edlington but I wasn't sure what it was. It was a round dome like plate which had lights all around the side and one large one on the bottom (See Fig 4). I ran home to tell my mum but she said it's all in my head and I was imagining it because I've had dreams like that before. So would you please send me some information on the topic of UFOs, so I can read them and hopefully prove to my mum that there are such sort of things, because there cannot be just humans in the whole galaxy, so please send me some info!

Thanks,  
Yours Faithfully,  
Darren.

(Press cuttings etc on their way Darren.... ED)



## WHAT IS SUFOPIA ?

*SUFOPIA is a new group which has been set up to investigate such things as UFO's and anything regarded as paranormal*

*Although this may seem to be quite an undertaking, we hope to put together a group of people, each being an expert in their own field.*

*To make this work, we need the backing and help of as many people interested in the subject as possible and that means YOU !*

*If you would like to help, please contact Joe Jenkins at the address below. SUFOPIA works in quite a straight forward way really. A report of an occurrence would be sent to us and we would see who, within SUFOPIA would be the best person to deal with the case. After this decision has been made, that person, or somebody else working with that person would then investigate the case in their own way, but keeping the current Investigations Co-ordinator aware of everything that is going on within the case.*

*By doing it in this way, the co-ordinator will always know what is going on but without the investigating officer feeling continually overshadowed.*

*We feel that this is the best way to go about it at this time. You very often find that with groups such as SUFOPIA, that information and findings are like gold dust which they cling to. At SUFOPIA there is one major point which we feel is very important and that is to share our information with other UFO and/or paranormal groups. We just cannot see the point of all these groups working separately very often on the same subject and keeping the information for themselves. Surely it would be best for everybody to share their information, wouldn't it ?*

*We already have contacts with the Southampton UFO Group with whom we will be working closely with on all UFO cases,*

*Making a report to SUFOPIA couldn't be any easier. You just have to contact us at the address below giving us brief details of your report, your name and your address. we will get in touch with you. If you do not want to give us your real name this is OK, but all our files will be treated in the strictest confidence and whenever we share files with other groups you can request that your name be omitted from the files.*

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## SUFOG TRIP TO CONTACT INTERNATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE

SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 1996.

*Early Sunday morning and the tension mounts, now to some of you more seasoned campaigners and long time UFOLOGISTS this was just another meeting but this was my first ever UFO conference, (thoughts of be gentle with me I am a Virgo entered my head) and I had no idea of what to expect.*

We duly arrived at Exeter Hall, Kidlington in Oxford at about 10.40am. We woke the minibus driver up so he could open the door and we then all made our way to the entrance, Contact International had an interesting stand just inside the doors, where there were a number of well written and informative magazines on sale, dealing with all aspects of UFO Phenomena. I presented my ticket and entered the main hall and for a minute thought "oh no the men in black" as I caught sight of 2 imposing figures dapperly dressed in dark suits, but hold on, I recognise that face, it was none other than Nick Pope who I had seen in Southampton when he was promoting his book *Open Skies Closed Minds*. The tension vanished and I was reassured. Standing next to him I later discovered was Matthew Williams also smartly dressed and looking like Nick's younger brother.

There was just enough time for us to exercise our legs, grab a drink (at the Ale 'E' Inn perhaps) and look round the sidestalls, before settling into our seats for the start of the days lectures at 11.00, my education was about to begin.

The first lecture was by Ray Hunt former vice chairman of Contact International and ex pilot, who's task was to put forward the theory that incidents between UFO's and civil aircraft cannot be explained away as being down to Military/Air Force activity.

Aircraft are governed by strict guidelines (controlled air space/flight paths/danger zones etc) so how would these things, if they were military, be allowed to endanger the public by flying around at will in controlled air space? Are the radar operators awake? Are the pilots seeing thins, is there anyone in the military willing to give an explanation? I think not.

A very interesting half hours lecture this, the one thing that gave me a lasting impression was that Ray mentioned certain areas of airspace have danger areas extending from the ground straight up for an unlimited distance, what could be a threat to other aircraft in a corridor of that shape. Something that goes straight up from the ground at an undetermined speed at undetermined times? spooky.

The next lecture was by Brian James, co-ordinator of Contact International and a long term Ufologist.

The main bulk of his talk was about sightings of mysterious objects and UFO's, some interesting aspects of these sightings developed, in recent years one of the most popular objects seen in the skies around Britain are the Black Triangular shaped UFO's, these objects are all very similar and have been seen in many locations.

My view of the Triangles is that although not all of them can be readily explained, on my visits to airshows, I have seen recently, the development of Stealth aircraft and the triangular shape has come very much into the picture recently, the F117 is one of the latest of these and looks exactly like a triangle from beneath, and speed is not easy to judge at night. Now we must bear in mind that the SR71 'Blackbird' could travel at Mach 5 (approximately 3,000 MPH) and this aircraft is now out of service. it is not unreasonable to assume newer aircraft have taken its place what could they be capable of?

We now move to Matthew Williams, who was very knowledgeable and extremely good at presenting his evidence. He has an interest in the goings on at secret bases around the world, including Area 51 and the possible connections between these areas and sightings of UFO's.

He also spent time looking at crop circles and has seen UFO's in the areas where crop circles appear, many people believe there is a connection between the two phenomena, and I would not disbelieve their connections. However, I do believe we should find some way of putting the crop circle hoaxers in their place, who are they? Why do they do it? Are they trying to discredit our theories? I think thats very likely, because some of the formations found are insulting the intelligence of experienced crop circle investigators. But to the casual observer its enough to make them ridicule the whole concept that they may be messages from extra terrestrials either trying to contact us or warn us to beware of what we are doing to mother earth.



Some formations are genuinely not of earthly manufacture but we can do without the crackpots and attention seekers hindering our investigations into something which could have a serious impact on the future of mankind.

Right, now I'll get off my soapbox and return to Matthew who talked about the UFO cover up, and mentioned a place called Rudlow Manor which Nick Pope mentions in his book, and is said to be where UFO incidents are investigated in this country, but when Matthew and his colleagues asked them for information on sightings of UFO's, they met a wall of silence and a denial that any such investigations took place there.

Matthew was not convinced, and persisted with his investigation and interviewed a number of local people, some of who admitted that UFO investigations did indeed take place at this secretive location, and more evidence is coming to light that although the MoD deny any investigations did take place there, their credibility is rapidly crumbling away. One poses the question as to what else may emerge in the future, and its thanks to people like Matthew who won't take no for an answer, that we may one day know the whole truth as to what's going on.

A great way to end the first half of the conference, I wish Matthew had more time than he did to put forward his story, and with his accounts leaving a lasting impression on me, I was off to get my cup of tea and stretch my legs and my imagination.

Ready for the start of the second half now and I was feeling more at ease now after I began feeling a bit nervous and not knowing what to expect.

Lets get one thing clear, all the people present at the conference are normal people, but like myself, have all either had an experience of some kind which can't be explained, or are looking to find out what all the fuss is about, but at the end of the day, we all want the same thing, confirmation that we are not alone - either in the universe or in the things we see and experience, and answers from people who know what goes on and won't admit it.

Enter Nick Pope, who will now get the second half of the conference under way. Nick is very eloquent and makes his speeches very professional and informative. He is very much in the public eye at the moment with the publication of his book 'Open Skies Closed Minds' currently high in the best sellers list, and I can recommend it highly to anyone who has not read it yet.

Nick captivated the audience for more than an hour (which just flew by) with a barrage of accounts of his personal dealings with UFO sightings reports and various government departments. He also brought the audience into the proceedings by asking a number of intelligent questions which reinforced the stories he was telling.

He asked if anyone had seen a UFO and half the audience put their hands up (about 140 people) that he asked how many had made a report of some kind. The hands drooped and the number was getting smaller (now down to about 40). Finally, he asked how many had made a report to the MoD and now only 1 hand remained up, which leaves us with the conclusion, as Nick was trying to demonstrate. How can the MoD say there is no strategic threat to this country from UFO's and that they do not pose a threat. I find this hard to believe and so many others, and can we really believe there is no government department investigating these reports?

One thing concerned me about my impressions of Nick, and that was that while I had no doubt he was telling the UFO story as he sees it, on the evidence of what I'd seen during the conference, I put it to those of you reading this. Has he really been given ALL the reports, ALL the facts received by the MoD? On his own admission, only 300 reports a year make it to his desk.

I think you could read about that many reports in any 1 month in the various UFO magazines and press publications. The other thing I found hard to believe, is that the MoD could tell him travel around the country, telling everyone what he did whilst working for them. Nick says he got permission to write his book because when the MoD threatened to block it, he argued that if all the books on the Falklands war were allowed to be published (particularly accounts from military personnel such as General Peter De-La Billiere), why should they stop him telling his story. I agree with his logic, but I'm sure if there was anything of real national importance that he had received on his desk during his time in office, he would not have been able to come into the open with it without repercussions.

Now we come to the part of the day, which was for me the most exciting and impressive section of the conference.

We were introduced to Roy Lake, a modest figure of a man with 40 years of study and investigation into the subject of UFO's and more recently, work with psychologists into abduction experiences.

He talked calmly and quietly about what he had been doing and then drew the audience right into his own world and began to gain everyone's confidence so completely, that he began asking questions to people in the audience (that normally would never be answered) and people quite openly talked about what they'd seen and experienced.

The atmosphere was intense, electrifying even and although some of these people were clearly uncomfortable about relating their experience, they all, one by one talked frankly and openly about what they'd seen. Roy was for me a revelation, not many people would have been able to do what he did, and the accounts from those that spoke could have made a most explosive book. I have never had a more profound experience before, I felt drained but at the same time excited that I had been part of something special. I hope to see Roy in action again one day, I won't meet anyone like him anywhere else.

And now to be totally different, we came to the last speaker of the day Roy Dutton. Now I don't wish to be rude to this man, he has done a fantastic amount of work to come up with his theories and I applaud him for that, but oh boy, he went down like a bottle of Aspirin, and had the same effect. I think I understood what he was trying to say, that is that by collecting data of UFO sightings from around the world, he came across a pattern along certain lines around the earth, that enabled him to predict where UFO's would appear and at what times. I think I've summed it up in 1 paragraph but Roy took an hour bombarding us with facts, figures, diagrams etc which wouldn't have gone amiss at a lecture for University graduates. I'm sorry Roy, but let's have it in plain, simple terms, and make the lecture shorter or we'll have to hand out matchsticks to prop our eyelids open.

The day is now finally drawing to a close, and so we came to the final item on the agenda, this was the Brains Trust of the Paranormal.

All the days lecturers were gathered on stage to answer questions from the floor, various subjects were discussed and they were either answered by an individual expert, or they all pooled their knowledge to give a collective response, but probably one of the most telling questions of the day was asked by our very own Steve Gerrard, who asked the Panel "Is there an equivalent to Area 51 in this country?" (that is allegedly where Aliens or crashed UFO's are kept in the USA)

Nervous twitching and blank looks followed, suddenly our very own Dreamland had materialised in front of our very eyes, and after a few half hearted attempts at trying to supply us with an answer, and some references to two places in Scotland, that I'd never heard of, we were left none the wiser.

I hope those of you reading this have enjoyed my account of the Oxford Conference, and if you have any comments to make to the Magazine, good or bad, I would be pleased to hear them as it may inspire me to put pen to paper again.



*It only remains for me to thank Steve for organising the outing to Oxford, and those of you who made the trip (without your support these things wouldn't be possible) and also Tom and Ernie who made the trip all the more enjoyable.*

*Until the next time, this is yours truly Bill Smith signing off for now, and leaving you with two quotes from my favourite T.V programmes, Live Long and prosper, The Truth is out There.*

*Many thanks to bill for his very enjoyable article and in the next issue, the groups magazine reviewer, Mr Ernie Sears will be passing on his comments about the conference... Steve G.*

## MAGAZINE REVIEWS... BY ERNIE SEARS.....

*Many thanks to our group organiser Steve Gerrard for the pile of magazines this month.. which have left me with a general feeling of unease ! Fortunately tempered with hope for the human race ! I will try to make that more clear. Here goes :*

UFO Reality : is the only "commercial" glossy this month and as usual provided interesting articles, although the "Tumi" one, with it's claim of Pleiadean origin, is a tongue in the cheek attempt, hopefully ! Editor Jon King talks to Bob Dean and Bob curdles the blood as usual, with what "they" have been getting away with for years ! The Mexican flap, the Hollow Earth theory surfaces (whoops!) again a la Shaver etc, accurately named "mystery" pictures of a UFO/ Stealth interception, splendid photos of the latest crop circles .... did someone tell me 'army micro beam weapons being tested' from SPACE ? ... all in all, a very professionally produced mag. I treat with reservations ! Would treat Donna Higbees suggestions on how to combat abductors with care.. might end up "alienating" (!) them ! Order the mag. from your local newsagent, it says here !

Trans-UFO : Is, as it's title suggests, a "foreign" based product with articles from Poland, Argentina, etc, sources, translated by clever clogs who make it all sound interesting.. a few errors here and there, and edited by Eileen Fletcher. Swedish sightings featured look genuine, apart from one, which sounds very suspicious and is being sussed out by the investigators. Denmark has those FT's too.. in formation, or just a bloody big 'un ?! several UFO/Aircraft cases from Argentina.. one back in 1964 ! Quite well produced, get it along with your Area 51 magazine for £12 a year from 87 Hawley Street, Sheffield S1 2EA, South Yorkshire..

AREA 51 : See above, another compact and well printed issue... sightings, those Ft's again !.. from the area and elsewhere, this year, last year, way back, too. Good article on "Triangles and Technology", the worlds "secret" craft, mostly all far too small to be confused with the "gigantic" reports, I can vouch for that with my own 1977 - 78 sightings ! Triangle picture gallery "swiped" from the media pages. Cover photo shows "glowing triangle" traversing the moon in 1995, by amateur astronomer.

QDW : from Australia is one of those "NEW WORLD ORDER" mags which take some swallowing, with it's articles, typical headings show : The Anti World, Big Brother Network, Watching, Lodges and Secret Societies, Paganism and Christianity, ancient Atlantean Magic, raw Food Vitality, etc etc.. you get the picture ? Not knocking it, I've had personal experience of some of that, but this one is hard to take, being, it also seems, a trifle racist... i.e. : "whites only"

*VERY little on actual "craft", if any ! However, if, as the fluorescent cover says, you can handle 'the echo of ancient wisdom, power and secrets of the gods, the immortal life force, the taste of real freedom, the realm of the initiated' etc etc, try Head Office, QDW, Australia, GPO Box 3579, Darwin, Northern Territory, 0801.*

***EMUFORA** : Is the product of the East Midlands UFO Research Association and is well printed, good articles, one long 'un on alien biology, much of it speculative, nevertheless interesting... Bob Lazar Interview... again !... gripping 1996 sightings in the Nottingham area... 1992 excerpts from Jane's Defence weekly on those hypersonic aircraft that are linked with those "near misses"... excellent three pager on the current crop circles, Double Helix, Julia Set, suggested connections with music, tonal harmonies.. etc. Try EMUFORA, 8 Roosa Close, Hemphill Vale, Bullwell, Nottingham, NG6 7Bl, at £5 for 4 issues incl. post.*

***Skylink** : Another good issue from Roy Lake's London UFO Studies, 1996 London and Essex sightings, I wish magazines wouldn't use those proved and admitted "hoax photos" to blot their pages, though ! John Clarke retired Flying Officer/Police Officer, writes well on UFO's and Crop Circles, especially those 'elderly pixies Doug and Dave', whose bit of wire on a baseball cap apparently beat all technology ! More "fake" photos adorn the Jewish Chronicle extract from UFO Reality... and the book reviews in the magazine are excellent. Having read, for example, "The Only Planet of Choice" myself (A birthday present !) a complex but gripping book. A "Remote Viewing" aspect by Darryl Smith of a psychics exploration of an underground "alien" facility is slightly unnerving ! "Independence Day" gets a review, too... sheer entertainment, I reckon, I hope ! Skylink is £12 for 4 issues, with halprice admission to local meetings, £8 for 4 issues, £2 single, from 10A Tudor Road, Barking, Essex, IG11 9RX. Nicely printed.*

***Malta UFO Research** : is just that... on the Internet too.. reviews the May 1996 Hoagland, Hancock, Bauval lectures, so lots of Moon/Egyptian controversy aired, a 1986 Japanese UFO/Air Line incident, lasting fifty minutes !.. "Life on Mars" media stuff, etc... contact Malta UFO Research, PO Box 14, Rabat, RBT 01.. Good printing and illustrations.*

***OVN1** : For September, Omar Fowler's well produced magazine, tells us that those FT's are apparently being seen "widely" across the UK... I seem to have missed the Avon one's when down in Somerset !... and a review of the EMUFORA conference highlights Matthew Williams and Nick Pope, Omar's own views on the military authorities attitudes are pertinent.. although just maybe they are hoping the situation will "go away" once the visitors have gathered in their human and genetic harvest. After all, we have, seemingly, no say ! The Guatemalanian "Blood Sucker" joins the Puerto Rico legends, Barry Parkinson's astronomical page very useful, while the 1981 "triangle" sighting that apparently lasted thirty to forty-five minutes is fascinating to say the least... the diagram awesome, too ! The magazine tells us that Sky Tv are presenting a sighting report later which looks interesting. Plus much more : From Omar Fowler at 94 The Circle, Sinfen, Derby, DE24 9Hr, £1 per copy... and hey ! "reliable Sources" say that Nick Pope's MoD post is subject to two "higher Echelons" of MoD UFO Investigation ! Names given !*



NEUFORUM Times : Is a new one on me but gets published every so often, this updated and improved issue is pretty thick and covers lots of "swiped" media stuff, a "declassified" article on Dreamland, Area 51, etc, by a former ranking soldier, run down on "Dark Skies" the latest Hollywood UFO related offering, includes aliens, MJ12, Roswell, etc etc, "Human Rights" (what are THEY ?!) but refers to the Occult Third Reich, underground caverns, Dulce, New Mexico, .. all Internet material. Plus, among much more, a petition aimed at the United Nations for all to sign ! No price quoted anywhere but contact 23 Marroway, Hedworth Estate, Jarrow, Tyne and wear, NE32 4PB. well produced and printed

World UFO Journal : Is a small magazine.. quarterly, the Autumn and Winter one here features more of those "Mirror" photos in NASA's "secret" files, great coverage of the Dumow, Essex UFO, although I suspect a local Lasar display MIGHT be the culprit, having been "fooled" myself on two occasions with those "wheels of light", another article on the Truro, Cornwall, events of this year, Lunar Bases, etc.. seems Editor Edward Harris produces this useful "baby" on a purely non profit making basis, to be commended, so issues depend on his piggy bank!! 16 Newton Green, Great Dunmow, Essex, CM16 1DU, for all letters, SAE appreciated.

1UFOFRA : obviously hails from Ireland, and is seven pages thick, leader credits the Internet on the Apollo moon landing event of July 11th 1969, the photos of a "light" in certain magazines.. the "light" being "dropped" from the original "as it happened" Tv broadcasts later, another "accidentally downloaded" that revealed Project EON-4 Mission briefing, an alleged EBE Contact and a DEEPSPACE DATA RECOVERY OPERATION by, of course the USA ! And so on ! That British Rail "Flying Saucer" patent, of an Adamski type "scoutship" (Yes, I SAID "British Rail" !) of years ago surfaces again, with a seemingly genuine Patent Office screed, diagram etc... recall it well, never knew if it was serious, but apparently so ! It hovered on the railways lines but looks too small to carry passengers, maybe only first-class ! Powered, would you believe, by "thermonuclear fusion" ! from 1UFOFRA Information Network, Po Box 3070, Whitehall, Dublin 9, Ireland. No Price !

1UFOFRA Journal : Hails from the same source as above and is really THICK, sizewise, 38 pages, Jenny Randles is part of "the team", good article on the Tacit Blue classified craft... and the Russian "twin", waverider, plus an approach to Manic Depressive Psychosis (now there's food for thought !) Australian scene.. with one illustration pinched from the Cash/Landrum event !... The Bible and Befaps, whatever THEY are... I speculate Bio-Entities From Another Planetary System ? ... suggestions please ! Interesting "Casefile" of sightings over Ireland. A SHC article (Spontaneous Human Combustion to you) News of an Irish Company's NASA contract to design and build instruments for a "probe" to "test Einstein's theory of Relativity" ! Wow " 9 pages on that Santilli autopsy film ! The "thing" may be "dead" but it certainly won't lie down ! Well, other than all that, and a good read. certainly, there's no price or publishing dates But see above 1UFOFRA review.

Intelligence UFO Magazine : Another Eric Morris effort, Issue 8, Sept. 1996.. Good article on a lady abductee who has "confronted" the issues, you get rid of your traumas that way !... Update on Bonnybridge, pages of it, a welcome back to Malcolm Robinson, ex SP1 (Scotland), who has again taken up the challenge !... the Laguna Canyon crop circle in detail... etc etc.. no price mentioned but try Eric Morris, 52 Dart Walk, Wharton, Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 3JE.

Coverup (Scottish Unexplained Phenomena Research) : is a new 'un to M'E, and naturally covers the Bonnybridge phenomena, still ongoing, we hear... also update on sheep mutilations.. Well, "they" will have gone off the BSE thing !... a cartoon page... UFO reports...some with no dates but assume current !.. those black helicopters show up again... more articles nicked from the media, Daily Record this time, those NASA photos "discovered", it says, by Bob Dean !... plus "RAF PILOT STUNS TOWN WITH HIS CHOPPER"... make what you will of that, an "IFO" I would think so why in this magazine ? From 49 Limefield Crescent, Bathgate, West Lothian, Scotland EH48 1RF, at £1 plus pp per copy.

PH'EW ! four pages of reviews, are you still with me ?

UFOM'EEK (UFO Monitors East Kent) : and it's fourteenth issue is getting lots of interest and free publicity from the local press and radio... cant help including, here, ANOTHER "odd" coincidence following on many such, the magazine mentions Derek Sheffield's new book "UFO's.. A Deadly Concealment", ten minutes ago two of my local UFO enthusiasts dropped a copy through my letter box, any comments out there ? Anyway, I digress. UFOM'EEK mag tells us that a local DJ Nigel Day is compiling reports countrywide for his "new paranormal magazine", The Derby Journal.. he is said to "know little about the subject" ! Weird close encounter report from the Isle of Thanet, involving an object, a lifeboat, and an RAF helicopter, plus the witness and his sea fishing friends, two of whom were RAF pilots ! ALL were "told" it didn't happen, you didn't see it", subsequently ! Does that sound familiar ? Plus a 1973 "triangle" report, the "FACE ON MARS", etc etc. No price on the magazine but try Jerry Anderson at "Ivydene", Wingham Well Road, Bramling, Canterbury, Kent, CT3 1NN

## ANSWERS TO QUIZ NO.2.

1. (A) Operation White Crow.
2. J Allen Hynek.
3. Mexico.
4. Jim Schnabel.
5. Foo Fighters.
6. Rape, Barley, Wheat.
7. Travis Walton.
8. (B) Chequers.
9. Pat Delgado.
10. Woodbridge.
11. (C) Today.
12. USS Eldridge. (Not the USS Enterprise as one group member thought it was)

For this quiz, we had 5 entries and the winner is Mrs Stone from Basingstoke, so a video will be on its way to Mrs Stone. Well done, and well done to all of you that entered the competition. I will not be doing a quiz for the next month or so, but there will be a special quiz in either the December or January Edition with a special prize for the winner.